

“Azimuth Check”

What direction are you moving in and where are you going? These are simple, and yet, profound questions when we apply them to the course of our lives. Have we taken the time to determine where we are in our lives personally, professionally and spiritually? Have we determined what the fixed points are out in the distance and is that helping us to navigate the difficult issues of life? These kinds of questions demand decisions about who we are and who we want to become. These questions move us from what is comfortable to what may be unknown and therefore uncomfortable. Questions like these demand action. If we ask them and take seriously their ramifications we must move forward with plans to improve who we are in every area of our lives.

The story is told of parents who were having trouble getting their daughter interested in geography. They decided to buy her a jigsaw puzzle map of the United States hoping it would require so much effort on her part that it would become a valuable geographical project. To their amazement, their daughter was able to piece the puzzle together in an amazing short period of time. When asked how she did it, she explained that the other side of the puzzle had a picture of the face of George Washington. A further comment from the girl was the most thought provoking: “When you get the man put together right, the United States comes out all right.”

The best way to put things right in our world is to put our individual lives together properly. That means knowing where we are and where we are going and taking periodic “azimuth checks” so we can stay on track.

The “Azimuth Check” is a program for active duty military each Wednesday at 1130 in the Battalion Classroom. This informal gathering is for the purpose of discussing our personal, professional, and spiritual issues and determining the best course to improve our lives. I hope to see you there soon.

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